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## Stanton approves water rate increase

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

The December Stanton City Council meeting last Thursday evening was short and to the point. The council held their second reading of the water rate increase and their first reading of the property tax rates. Both seem to be a necessity no one really likes to deal with. But the property rates will stay the same.

The council approved the property tax rates to remain at 8.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value for both real and personal property. The city's tax is due by Jan. 31, 2014. A second reading will be held this week to finalize the rates.

As for the water rate increase, which is needed to help offset the increase Beechfork Water Commission has placed on providing the water, passed with a unanimous vote.

The rate increase totals about 16 cents for those using the minimum of 2,000 gallons of water inside the city limits. It would be approximately 21 cents for those outside the city limits. If you use more than the minimum an additional 5.48 per 1,000 gallon will be the increase inside the city limits, with the rate for each additional 1,000 gallons outside the city limits being 6.93.

Beechfork found it necessary to raise the rates

to help them complete repairs to their buildings and infrastructure. This will enable them to continue providing water at an affordable rate, according to previous comments by the city leaders. The new rates will take affect on Jan. 1.

The council then discussed allowing the city officer workers to take off Monday, Dec. 23 to coincide with the courthouse being closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The measure was approved and the employees would take a sick or vacation day.

Councilman Tommy Mays informed the council that a bid at the city park had to be changed. The size of the posts being used on a new project needed to be bigger. The cost increased \$1,500. The measure passed 6-0.

Stanton Police Chief Kevin Neal advised the council that some of the computers they use in the police cruisers are getting old and having problems. He suggested that two needed to be replaced and he had found two for nearly a 60 percent off deal. Mays stated he could find some with a better deal. The council agreed that the police needed the computers and asked that the deals be researched.

Councilwoman Charlotte Estes made a motion to allow the purchase, up to \$1,000 each. Mays said he thought he could find such a deal.

## Laughs, tears and celebrations highlight 2013

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

Every year seems to fly by so quickly. That is especially true in the newspaper business. One year, 52 weeks, literally hundreds of stories and thousands of words have been used to document 2013. Over the next two weeks we will be giving you the highlights, so to speak, of the past year.

As a community we have laughed, cried, worked, disagreed and worked together. It sounds like a family and in a way we are one big family.

The court seemed to have dominated the early part of the year. Sadly we lost several members of our community and some of them were mentioned in stories in the Times. But we also celebrated some milestones.

So without further adieu, here is the Clay

City Times Year I Review, Part 1, January thorough June.

### January Couple pleads guilty to drug trafficking

It took 20 months before the law and the Hunts settled their case. The case began in March 2011 when officers acted on a tip and raided the home of Deborah and Leroy Hunt. They found drugs, items allegedly raided for drugs and money. After a long gap in action being taken, the couple were indicted and then just as the New Year began pleaded guilty. Mr. Hunt, due to serious health conditions, received a five year probated sentence; his wife received a five-year sentence. She has since been released.

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Times Photos by James Cook



AmVets Post #67 in Clay City held their annual Operation Christmas Smile last Saturday. The crowd lined up early and the kids were not disappointed. Each one received two or three new gifts, chance to win a new bike, could take an old bike home if they wanted and got a new coat if they wanted one too. There were old toys for the taking, fruit bags and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus.



## Fire destroys Stanton home

Firefighters from Stanton, Clay City and Middlefork Fire Departments responded to a house fire at 76 East College Avenue in Stanton early last Friday morning. Stanton Police Officer passed by the house and saw the blaze. The home was empty at the time and is owned by Magistrate Myers Arnett. Arnett had reportedly recently been fixing the home up to rent. Firefighters are not sure what caused the blaze and are investigating.

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**Cheerleaders win Region**

The KHSAA decided to regulate high school cheerleading and in 2013 the squads had to compete just like any other athletic team in the association. The Powell County High School Cheerleaders, under the direction of former PCHS and Georgetown College cheerleader Kayla Mays, captured their first KHSAA sanctioned 14th Regional Class 1-A Championship. They beat Hazard by 3.5 points.

**Epperson found guilty of manslaughter**

Brian P. Epperson, of Clay City, was found guilty of manslaughter in the death of Donald Tharpe. Epperson's truck collided head-on with Tharpe's on Hardwick's Creek Road in November 2011. The impact of the collision killed Tharpe on impact. His passenger, Constance Puckett was injured. Police said that blood test indicated that Epperson had three narcotics in his system at the time of the crash. Police say that he was "self-medicating." They also testified at the trial that there were no visible skid marks to indicate that Epperson tied to avoid the collision and that his vehicle was clearly across the centerline. Epperson's defense attorney argued that the medications in his system were at very low levels and that it was not the cause of the "accident." The jury disagreed, but also gave Epperson a break by finding him guilty of manslaughter. He had been charged with DUI and murder, as well as assault. He was sentenced to six years in prison. Under the law he would be eligible for parole after serving 14 months.

**Powell duo perform in Atlanta**

Rebecca Wallingford and Olivia Powers are proud of their talents and they should be. They can sing and perform at the highest level. To illustrate that both girls joined a group of 60 from Central Kentucky that were invited to perform at the Jr. Theatre Festival in Atlanta. It was hosted by Disney Musicals, I-Theatrics and Musical Theatre International out of New York. Wallingford is the 11-year-old daughter of Tim and Terena Wallingford; Olivia is the 12-year-old daughter of Jana Powers.

**Beloved former coroner, Carl Wells, Sr. passed away**

A man well loved and well thought of, who served his community and neighbors for over 50 years, Carl Wells Sr., passed away on Jan. 20. Wells served as a funeral director and coroner in Powell County beginning here in 1961. He was the



coroner for 44 years and also ran an ambulance service until the county took over those duties. He served on many boards, all of which helped the people of Powell County. He was dedicated to helping his community. He is truly missed.

**PCHS honors Pirates and Lady Pirates with a Hall of Fame**

The PCHS honored the inaugural class of both the Pirates and Lady Pirates Basketball Hall of Fames. Players and coaches from the past were inducted. For two of those who were honored, it came just in time as they later left us. But the ceremony was special and the athletic department plans on honoring more each year.

**February Stanton woman charged with abuse, indicted, goes on the run then turns herself in**

In a series of events that began in late January, Ruby Richardson's name was brought up quite a bit. Police say that Richardson had abused a woman she was supposed to be taking care of. Police say they found the woman in a house with no heat, who claimed that Richardson had beaten her, threatened her and fed her dog food. Richardson was arrested and released on bond. But the story continued. On the day that she was indicted by a Powell Grand Jury, when officers arrived to arrest her, they say she and her belongings were gone. For about two weeks officers tried to find Richardson, but on Feb. 18 she turned herself into Sheriff Danny Rogers with a Channel 18 television news crew in tow.

Richardson had more charges placed on her later in the year. She is set to go on trial in January.

**Gladiators honored for Back-to-Back- State Titles**

The Powell County Gladiators unveiled the picture of their back-to-back state championship teams during the Powell County Showcase at the high school in February. The team was preparing for their third straight title run at the Special Olympics State Tournament in Louisville on March 9. Would the Gladiators be bringing home another state championship trophy?

**Pirates & Lady Pirates make a run**

Despite a slow and sloppy start in the first half, the Lady Pirates were able to hold off the early attempts by Estill to set the tone. As they usually do, the Lady Pirates used their speed and agility to out run and out gun their opponent. The result was a 61-39 victory in the 56th District Championship game. Keeley Rogers was named the tournament MVP.

Meanwhile the Pirates were just two seconds away from grabbing their own district title. The Pirates had scored on a layup by Brett Goodwin with just 4.7 seconds to play, taking a 47-46 lead over Estill on their home floor in the district finals. After the ball was knocked out of bounds by Brett Thompson near mid-court, Estill in bounded and a hope and a prayer shot was tossed up. As the buzzer sounded the crowd watched, as the shot was good, giving Estill a thrilling

49-46 win and handing the Pirates a crushing blow. Thompson was named the defensive player of the tournament. Both teams played in the region tournament, but were beaten out in early rounds.

**Stanton man does "the right thing"**

Mike Helton likes to help at estate sales, so he goes through some of the boxes to see what is in them. At one such sale he came across a medal of honor that had the name Michael A. Partin on it. Partin was a Covington Police officer who died in the line of duty while chasing a suspect on a bridge over the Ohio River in 1998. The medal had been given to his family. With the help of Powell County Chief Deputy Robert "Rog" Mathews and county attorney employee Ian Morton, the medal was sent back to the Covington Police Department.

**March Clay City woman struck and killed by alleged drunk driver**

A Clay City woman was struck and killed by a truck as she was standing behind her car after she had an accident late last on Feb. 28. Now a Mount Sterling man is facing DUI and murder charges.

Powell County law enforcement, fire personnel and ambulance crews were dispatched to Black Creek Road around 9:30 p.m. that evening. The initial call indicated that a vehicle had struck a pedestrian. When officers arrived they found Martha Vivian lying in the northbound lane. They also found Johnny Douglas Moore around a truck that was in the ditch just off the northbound lane.

Officers say they believe that Vivian, 79, may have missed her driveway and was attempting to pull into another drive to turn around. However, she apparently ran into a ditch on the southbound side of Highway 11. According to Powell County Sheriff Danny Rogers, witnesses stated that Vivian had exited her vehicle and was walking near the back of her car. The accounts after that were horrific. The witnesses told deputies and officers that a 1982 GMC pickup then struck Vivian. She was found several feet away from her vehicle.

Moore then apparently lost control of his truck and came to rest in a ditch line on the opposite side of the road. The witnesses told police that the driver was the only person saw near the truck after the accident. Moore blew a .157 at the scene, but his blood sample taken at the scene came back with a .140 level.

**Former superintendent, coach Robert Paul Atkinson passed away**

A man that gave a large part of his life to education and basketball was found dead in his home in mid-March, Robert Paul Atkinson, of North Bend Road, was 76.

Born in Stanton, Atkinson was a graduate of Powell County High School and Berea College and received his Masters Degree from Eastern Kentucky University.

He began his career as a teacher and basketball

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# Clay City Elementary's Christmas Program displays talents



The CCE Singers, under the direction of Angela Spencer and April Smith (left) performed for the student body. So did the Rockin' Rhythm Dancers, under the direction of Gary Morton. They had fun and wanted to share their Christmas joy with everyone.



## CENTER OF ATTENTION

Times Photo by James Cook  
Stanton Elementary teacher Jamie Ewen continued the Christmas tradition of reading the book, "The Polar Express" to the students. Last Friday morning the students gathered around and paid close attention to Mrs. Ewen as she shared the story once again.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !

Early Deadline for Jan. 2 issue  
is FRIDAY, DEC. 27 AT NOON !

## Trent wins city park logo contest



The City of Stanton is very proud of all the work they have done to the Stanton City Park. So much so they wanted to come up with a logo for the park. So they held a contest for elementary school students to come up with a logo.  
Genevieve Trent, a fourth grader at Stanton Elementary School, won the contest. Her logo entry shows a tree in the middle, along with a swing and slide, with a nice blue sky. It reads, "Stanton City Park Where the Fun Never Ends!" She was honored before last Friday's program at her school by city park director Brian Marcum.  
Genevieve is the daughter of John and Alyson Trent.

## U.S. Baseball Academy is coming to Powell County this spring

U.S. Baseball Academy, which operates a national network of affordable hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning camps for players in grades 1 through 12, is pleased to announce the addition of Powell County High School to its lineup for the coming winter and spring. Registration is now under way at [www.USBBaseballAcademy.com](http://www.USBBaseballAcademy.com).  
U.S. Baseball Academy's Spring Training 2014 is a unique concept that provides young players with advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning training programs, instruction by the area's top coaches and fantastic facilities. Players who choose multiple skills qualify for discounted session prices.  
U.S. Baseball Academy's 2014 Spring Training program will be held at nearly 170 sites across the United States. The session in Stanton runs March 9-April 27 at Powell County High School. Powell County head coach, Chris Varney, will direct the program. Instructors will include a staff of the area's best coaches.  
With a player-coach ratio of 6 to 1, each player gets plenty of individual attention in a small-group atmosphere. In addition to unbeatable instruction by the area's best coaches, players get a preseason tune-up that helps them enter team practice in mid-season form. With numerous age-specific sessions, instruction is specially tailored for each ability level. Overall, it's the type of intense, professional instruc-

tion young players just can't get in a summer league.  
Since 1988, U.S. Baseball Academy has run hundreds of camps and clinics for thousands of players nationwide. Each week, hitters rotate through a series of supervised stations, including indoor batting cages, with each drill designed to teach a different aspect of hitting. Players enjoy participating in hitting games and unique stations used by top high school and college programs. The program is designed to improve pitch and strike zone recognition, timing, balance, power, situational hitting, bunting, and other aspects. Pitchers work under the supervision of coaches who can help with all aspects of pitching, from fundamentals and mechanics to more advanced concepts. Drills and repetition will improve a pitcher's speed and control. Our catcher's camp covers all aspects of being behind the plate. Players will get instruction on stance, signs, receiving, framing, blocking, throwing, fielding bunts, tags and the mental aspects of dealing with pitchers.  
Registration deadlines are approximately six weeks before each session begins, but last year's camps sold out much earlier. Because of the low player-coach ratio, spots in each session are limited. Complete details and times for each site, as well as registration forms are available online at [www.USBBaseballAcademy.com](http://www.USBBaseballAcademy.com) or by phoning toll free 866-622-4487.

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# Yes, Virginia there IS a Santa Claus and Christmas Spirit.

The classic story and editorial you are about to read is one of our favorites when it comes to Christmas. The story is timeless and the truth behind it so real today.

According to the website, lettersofnote.com, the story behind one of the most famous letters of all time went something like this. We hope you enjoy it and may you all have a Merry Christmas!

"In 1897, on the advice of her father, eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a short letter to the editor of New York's now-defunct newspaper The Sun in which she sought confirmation of Santa Claus' existence. In response, Francis Pharcellus Church published an editorial - entitled 'Is There a Santa Claus' - which went on to become, and is still, the most reprinted English language editorial in history. Interestingly, in 1997 Virginia's great-grandson appeared with the letter on the Antiques Roadshow, where it was valued at \$20,000 - \$30,000. Here is that letter:

Dear Editor,  
I am eight years old.  
Some of my little friends

say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in the Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?  
Virginia O'Hanlon.  
115 W. 95th St

Answer:

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united



strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?

Ah, VIRGINIA, in all

this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank GOD! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of child-

hood."

*Merry Christmas and May the spirit of the season always ring true in your heart, as may the real reason for the season! - The Management and Staff of the Clay City Times!*

## Guest Column: Christmas Time's a Comin' for a purpose

By RANDALL FRANKS  
Guest Columnist

I rushed from the back of the house to catch the phone. "Good Morning, This is Randall Franks," I uttered as I heard a familiar voice on the other end. A voice so distinctive it inspired my musical dreams so many times as I heard him perform - it was the amazingly talented folk singer and International Bluegrass Music Hall of Famer Mac Wiseman.

So many times we shared the bill on package shows or bluegrass festivals, I was so honored to hear his voice and at 88 years young, he is still going strong.

He just appeared on a new TV special for RFD-TV and recently went in the studio to record with Merle Haggard. As we talked I was carried back to that little barefoot kid sitting on a stump at a summer bluegrass festival looking up to see him take command of the stage.

I checked a few items for my upcoming book "Encouragers" and our

conversation weaved around to our work in the studio with he and Grand Ole Opry stars Jim & Jesse McReynolds as we added them to the "In the Heat of the Night 'Christmas Time's A Comin' " CD alongside TV legend Carroll O'Connor and most of the cast.

For me, producing the title cut with so many of my music heroes alongside of my fellow TV cast participating meant so much to me.

O'Connor, "Chief Bill Gillespie," and Alan Autry, "Bubba Skinner," charged me with creating a project reflecting the musical tastes of our "In the Heat of the Night" (1988-1994) cast to raise funds for drug abuse prevention.

The show aired on NBC and CBS and currently airs on WGN America and This. Being the one of the youngest actors among our police characters portraying "Officer Randy Goode," I took my task very seriously and soon embarked on a marathon that took me eight months, included over 60 performers, visited seven studios in four states, included 12 recording en-

gineers and took over 175 studio hours to complete.

The variety of music simply amazed me as I began piecing it together. My co-producer Alan decided he wished to pay homage to Gene Autry and recorded "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." David Hart, "Parker Williams," brought his talented vocal tones to "Let It Snow."

With each passing session, I was simply amazed by the talents of the actors I shared the stage with as they showed their singing sides - Anne-Marie Johnson, "Althea Tibbs," with "Little Drummer Boy," Geoffrey Thorne, "Willson Sweet," with "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," and Crystal Fox, "LuAnn Corbin" with "The Christmas Song."

"In the Heat of the Night" would not have been the same without the work of Howard Rollins as "Detective Virgil Tibbs" who brought to life the wonderful story of "The Night Before Christmas."

Finally, in his own original style, Carroll wanted to share a French Christmas carol that I gave a bit of a Cajun flavor "Bring A Torch,

Jeanette Isabella."

For my selection I performed a new song - "Let's Live Everyday Like It Was Christmas" and reached out to my friends Grand Ole Opry stars The Whites to add some wonderful harmonies with me.

Other cast members including Wilbur Fitzgerald, Bob Penny and Sharon Pratt joined in on group performances of "Jingle Bells" and "Christmas Time's A Comin'." We brought together several music stars that donated their performances. Among them Country Music Hall of Fame members Jimmy Dickens, Hargus "Pig" Robbins, the late Kitty Wells, the late Pee Wee King, and the late Grant Turner.

Other stars included Jesse McReynolds, the late Jim McReynolds, Jerry Douglas, the Whites, Mac Wiseman, the Marksmen Quartet, Ralph Stanley, the Lewis Family, the late Doug Dillard, the late Chubby Wise, Mose Davis, Bobby Wright, the late Johnnie Wright, the late Josh Graves, the late Jimmy Martin, Buddy Spicher, Jim Hoke, Abe Manuel,

Jr., Ken Holloway, John Farley, Bill Everett, the late Gene Daniell and Wayne Lewis.

When all was done, it became an amazing collection including the sounds of bluegrass, jazz, rhythm and blues, Cajun, country and pop that rose to become one of the top selling Christmas titles for two years running. Now, the classic "In the Heat of the Night 'Christmas Time's A Comin'" CD is newly available on iTunes and Amazon.com for download.

The physical CD is also available online at www.shareamericafoundation.org or via mail for a tax-deductible donation of \$20 to the Share America Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 42, Tunnel Hill, Ga. 30755.

The CD was originally released in association with Sonlite Records, Crimson Records and MGM Worldwide Television Group and debuted officially from

the stage of the Grand Ole Opry. In association with original partner Sonlite Records through the non-profit Share America Foundation, Inc. the project continues raising funds for the original purpose - drug abuse prevention. Fans can also Like the project on its new Facebook page. Whether you are a fan of the show, I hope you consider making this great piece of TV and music history part of your Christmas collection and help us continue in helping others.

*Randall Franks is an award-winning musician, singer and actor. He is best known for his role as "Officer Randy Goode" on TV's "In the Heat of the Night" now on WGN America. His latest CD release, "Mississippi Moon," is by Crimson Records. He is a member of the Independent Country Music Hall of Fame. He is a syndicated columnist.*

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Powell County High School, Falmouth High School, Whitehall Elementary, Pendleton County High School and Louisville Shawnee High School.

Atkinson was a former superintendent of the Powell County Board of Education and he was a former principal of Lynch High School and Trimble County High School. He also served as principal in the Clark County School System where he retired. He was part of the first class of inductees into the Pirates Boy's basketball Hall of Fame last January. As a player Atkinson averaged 20 rebounds a game in 1955 and had 36 rebounds in one game. He was voted as the best defensive player and averaged 18 boards a game in his career, which spanned from 1953 to 1955. He was a member of the 14th Region Runner-Up team in 1955.



## New director chosen for Powell Public Library

After a four month search the Powell County Public Library Board selected a new director. Now do not let your mind imagine a older, more serious type person, because Mark Wetherington is only 26. The library board hired Wetherington after going through over 20 applications. He replaces Linda Rogers who retired last September. Rogers had worked at the library for 35 years, 30 of them as the director.

"I'm just glad to be here and that the board chose me," Wetherington said. Wetherington received his undergraduate degree in journalism in May 2010. His minor was in history with a concentration on American history and he graduated magna cum laude.

But he was not done there.

Wetherington had also worked as a student at UK in the library and went for his Masters degree in Library Science and Information Studies last May. "I worked a

lot in the UK Special Collections Library. That is where the older books, letters and other research material is located," he said as he recalled how he got interested in the library. "I was able to assist people with finding the information they were seeking. I guess that really got me going."

## Floyd County Sheriff arrested in Powell

Who says police do not take their jobs seriously? In Powell they took it serious enough to arrest a fellow law officer for DUI. A caller drew attention to a SUV with state license plates swerving on the Mountain Parkway in mid-March. When Stanton officers and Powell deputies pulled the vehicle over they found the driver was Floyd County Sheriff John Blackburn. Blackburn, the former head of the state's sheriff's association, blew a .202 and was arrested. He later was released, pled guilty and served a few days in the Pike County Jail.

## Member of the 'Greatest Generation', WWII veteran Franklin Snowden passed away

Powell County has lost another member of "The Greatest Generation." World War II veteran Franklin P. Snowden, Sr. died at his home in late March. He was 89.

Snowden was quite the communicator. The November before the Times interviewed many of the surviving members of WWII for a feature story at that time there were only 15 left from that war.

Snowden had many stories to tell.

He served in the Army's 12th Armored Division's 714th Tank Battalion in Europe during the war. He said he went on the firing lines on Dec. 23 1944 and was there until the war was over. During his time in combat he can remember destroying German tanks and coming off a snow covered mountain into a valley where the temperature was 80 degrees. But the memory that Snowden will never forget he said was when his group came upon a Jewish concentration camp. "To see how they had been treated, to see them like that," he recalled, "hurt me worse than anything."

As for the war itself, Snowden simply remarked, "I wouldn't go through it again, but I wouldn't take anything for it."

## April Arsonists hit Stanton City Park

There is no question that the city council is real proud of the work

they have put into the Stanton City Park. A new blacktopped walking track, new pavilion and a playground that is worth almost \$60,000 were just part of the improvements made at the park.

But early in April some of that hard work went up in smoke. Stanton fire crews were called to the park just because the new playground area was on fire. The damage to the area was extensive and it was later discovered that juveniles had set the fire.

The fire melted a slide that was part of the centerpiece of the playground. The bars that hold up the walking bridge and poles were charred by the flames. The mulch, made mostly of recyclable rubber was also burned. A nearby tire swing became nothing but some chains holding a metal ring.

Stanton Assistant Fire Chief Mike Sparks said the fire appeared to be arson and that an accelerant may have been used.

## Beloved teacher Millie Abner passed away

A beloved teacher, librarian and friend of many, Millie Abner, passed away on Easter Sunday. Though not one to be the center of attention, she was one who loved her family, friends and community. She was 90. Abner was born in Slade and was active in her community. She was also active in her church, Stanton Christian Church, where she was a member for 85 years

But her love, besides her family, was teaching. Abner began her teaching career in a two-room schoolhouse with Inez Woodard and then she taught in a one-room school at Vaughns Mill. Her friend, Woodard, passed away just four days before her.

She also taught head start for several years and third grade at Stanton Elementary. Mrs. Abner retired from teaching as the librarian of Powell County Middle School. Her positive attitude and zest for life was an inspiration to so many.

## County in battle with Forest Service over road

It may be just 4.7 miles long and part of it may be in another county, but ask Powell County Judge Executive James Anderson what he thinks about Sand Lick Road.

"I believe once it's a county road, it's always a county road," Anderson said last Thursday.

Anderson is now in a battle with the U.S.

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# Fiscal court to replace truck lost in vehicle fire

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

The Powell County Fiscal Court got off to a somewhat private start. Just eight minutes into the meeting last Tuesday the court went into closed session to discuss appointments at the jail, pending litigation and a possible new business venture that may come to the county.

After spending 49 minutes in closed session the court re-entered open session only to announce no decisions were made. Powell County Judge Executive James Anderson announced that any jail positions that needed to be addressed could be done by jailer Travis Crabtree. "As long as it's within his budget, he can make the changes he needs to make," Anderson explained.

Crabtree had explained that he wanted to move a full people around to fill some pending. He also wanted to make Donovan Nolan, a part-time employee, into a full-time one.

As for the litigation, it dealt with an issue at the site of one of the homes being renovated and rebuilt in Nada. The court voted 6-0 to allow county attorney Robert King to take "whatever action is necessary" in the case. The case deals with the Helton Estate.

A member of the crowd decided to ask questions to Brian Kirby, the head of the Nada project. "The Mollie Helton house has no heat. I spoke with her recently and she was worried about it," Joey Casey started his questioning. "You've already got your money haven't you?"

Kirby quickly responded, "No I haven't. Have you got a point?"

"Yes, she has no heat and it's been almost a year," Casey shot back.

"I have weekly discussions with her. As we have explained there was a problem with stabilizing the slope behind the house and we could not put in the heat pump until that was done. Now we need to get the HVAC man back out there," Kirby explained. "We have provided her with heat."

With that the curt got back to some other business. The magistrates voted 6-0 on a motion by John Barker and seconded by Donna Gabbard to accept Anderson's reappointment of Jim Dennis to the Powell County Health Board. The members also voted unanimously to take the \$80,687.68 they received from the insurance company for the fire truck that was destroyed after a wreck in Clay City and apply the funds to a note they signed to purchase another truck.

The animal shelter issue resurfaced. The court has hoped to get someone to work the shelter so animal control officer Randall Martin would not have to worry about it. "When Randall has

to go out and do his job, he has to close the shelter so no one is there to help," Anderson explained. "I believe we need to look into hiring someone on a trial basis and see how it works."

A local animal group, Friends of Powell County Pets, came to the court several months ago asking to be allowed to have someone work at the shelter. They presented a proposal dealing with how they could help and what was needed for someone to work there, including pay. But the court has not acted on that proposal.

"I make a motion we hire someone for up to 20 hours on a trial basis," Barker said. The motion was seconded by Snowden and passed 6-0.

"Let Randall hire someone," Barker added. Gabbard stated that maybe the FOPCP could still help at the shelter if they wanted to.

The court's attention then turned to replacing a salt truck. Last Tuesday morning one of the pickup trucks used by the county to plow roads and put down salt caught on fire in Hatton Creek Road. The plow was slightly damaged and the salt spreader was in good shape, but the truck was totaled.

"It was one of the older model ones and now we have five left to help out the larger trucks," Anderson told the magistrates. "I'd like your approval to find another truck, up to \$10,000, to replace this one." Barker made the motion and Gabbard seconded it, with the court once again voting 6-0 to approve the measure.

Anderson then tuned his attention to an opening at the road department. "Brandon King went back to work at Rumpke and that left the road department one employee short," Anderson noted. I liked to be able to hire someone at \$9 pr hour or that position." Barker made the motion to fill the spot and Snowden seconded it. It passed 6-0.

Martin then spoke up form the back of the room. "What's the chance of me going back to the road department," he asked. Anderson answered, "We'd have to look at it Randall. With your experience and the training on the other side you have (animal control), we'd have to look at it."

The court then approved allowing a resident of the South Fork Road/Pilot Road area to use the county right-of-way to have electricity run to a home. The residence has been there for 14 years and does not have electricity. There are three children in the home under the age of 11, according to the resident.

An apparent land dispute has topped Clark Energy from placing the necessary poles and lines to provide the service. The county advised the resident that he could use the right-of-way if Clark Energy is comfortable with the land dispute resolution.



Top students at PCHS in 2013: Brooke Moree (left) and Chelsea Nolan.

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## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Duff, 101

Ruth Bell Duff, 101, of Campton Road, Stanton, died on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013 at Clark Regional Medical Center, Winchester. Born in Pine Ridge, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Emma Lawson Ledford and she was a member of Middlefork Church of God where she was song leader and taught Sunday School. Ruth was a homemaker, gardener, quilt maker and devoted mother and wife of 60 years to the late George L. Duff.

She was also preceded in death by three children: Norma Gail Rose, Roger Duff and Monella Fugate.

She is survived by two sons: Patrick Ray (Evangeline) Duff, Clay City and Donald Lee (Peggy) Duff, Stanton; four daughters: Marcella (Harold) Hopper, Logansport, IN, Betty Faye Spencer, Stanton, Carolyn (Douglas) Finch, Lexington and Joyce Erickson, Garner, NC; 17 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren and 20 great-great grandchildren.

It is impossible to grasp all the changes Ruth Duff saw during her century-plus-long life, however the best part is that she remained the same humble, hardworking person. She lived for the Lord and was appreciative of the many blessings in her life.

Her funeral was held on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. The funeral services were officiated by Rev. Kim Rose and Rev. Anthony Molihan. Interment followed in the Clay City - Eaton Cemetery with Michael Fugate, Darryl Ashley, Anthony Duff, Donald Merle Gentry, John Mills and Austin Stevenson serving as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Arnold Ledford, Jeff Rose, Steve Rose, Virginia Boyd, Clara Henson, Steve Hale and Bonnie Jean Ledford. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.



### Robert Friend, 68

Robert "Bob" Friend of Stanton and formerly of Johnson County, husband of Marlene Hayes Friend, departed this life on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013 at the age of 68 years. He was a son of the late Sidney Sr. and Celia Whisman Friend born in Irvine on April 19, 1945. Robert was a Vietnam War era veteran of the United States Army and



he was also a member of the F&AM Lodge #0678 in Mason, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene Hayes Friend of Stanton; two daughters, Renata Lynn Friend Tate of York, Pennsylvania and Lana Kay Friend of Flat Gap; eight brothers, Timothy Friend of Batavia, Ohio; Donald Friend, Ronald Friend and Paul Friend all of Stanton, William Friend of Georgetta, Alabama, Eugene Friend of Beattyville, Dwight Friend of Pine Ridge and Gary Friend of Rogers; two sisters, Waveline Sparks of Lee County and Josephine Gross of Lexington; four grandchildren, Johnathan Brady Hamilton, Alexandria Tate, Nicolette Tate and Bailie Ramsey and husband Korey; and two great grandchildren, Brody Hamilton and Addison Ramsey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney Sr. and Celia Whisman Friend; four brothers, Sidney Friend, Jr., Isaac "Eddie" Friend, James Friend and Allen Friend; and two sisters, Eunice Sparks and Gloria McCoy. He also leaves behind a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013 at Porter & Son Funeral Directors in Campton with Rev. Barry Radeabaugh officiating. Burial was in the Evans Cemetery in Campton.

Pallbearers were Korey Ramsey, Brady Hamilton, Paul Friend, Dwight Friend, Tim Friend and Donald Friend. Arrangements were entrusted to Porter & Son Funeral Directors in Campton.

### Jeff Martin, 54

Jeff A. Martin, Sr., 54, died Nov. 30, 2013 in Lake Butler, Florida. Born in Leesburg, Florida he was the son of Mattie L. Rich Martin and the late Troy C. Martin, Jr. He was a former automobile mechanic and he was a member of the West Orange Christian Church in Orlando, Florida

He is survived by his mother, Mattie L. Martin and by two children, Jeff Martin, Jr. and Khristina Martin all of Orlando, Florida; two brothers, Tom and his wife Pat Martin of Orlando, Florida and Paul S. and his wife Polly Martin of Astatula, Florida; one sister, Anna F. Martin of Plantation, Florida and by five grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013 in Stanton Cemetery, Main Street, Stanton. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.

### Tony Neal, 49

Tony Randall Neal, 49, of 10th Avenue, Clay City, died on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013 at Baptist Health Lexington Hospital. He was a foreman with Westower



Communications and he attended the Bowen First Church of God.

He is survived by his mother, Janie Fox Rogers and by his father, Tony (Anna) Neal all of Irvine; his darlin, Melissa Rogers Freeman and two stepsons, Kolby Boyd and Kory Freeman all of Clay City; three brothers: Cecil Ray (Rusti) Neal of Clay City, Ronald Wayne (Amber) Rogers, II of Lemon Grove, CA and Jeffrey Neal of Irvine; two sisters: Margaret Denise Neal of Irvine and Nikki (Darren Bloom) Rogers of Clay City; and by seven nieces and nephews: Sara Jane Neal, Gracelyn Darlene Neal, Clarissa Rogers, Tori Bloom, Kelly Bloom, Katelyn Neal and Jamie Neal. There was a visitation only held on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton.

Pallbearers were Wayne Rogers, Cecil Neal, Tom Gould, Tim Gould, Darren Bloom, Donnie Lawson, Kolby Boyd, Kory Freeman, Bob Sanders and Jamie Neal. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.



### Mina Shoemaker, 86

Mina Shoemaker, 86, of Stanton, the widow of Taylor Shoemaker, passed away Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013 at the Clark Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by one son, Tom Shoemaker (Darlene) of Clay City; four daughters, Dorothy Dawes of Georgetown, Brenda Estes of Clay City, Rebecca Wells of Clay City and Irene Long (Don) of Sellersburg, IN; 19 grandchildren; and one sister, Mila McNay of Independence.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Martha Holder; her husband, Taylor Shoemaker; one son, Taylor Shoemaker Jr.; one daughter, Mary Ellen Giles; three grandchildren; three brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013 at The Grayson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ralph Farmer officiating. Burial followed in Kennon Cemetery. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of services.



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Forest Service over the road, which is located in southeast Powell County. The forest service, which has used the road for years, has decided to close the road. According to Anderson and off-road enthusiasts the forest service has a plan to try to recap old oil wells in the area and then turn the area back over to nature.

But as Anderson points out, the road belongs to the county. Local residents have access to it and tourists, especially off-road enthusiasts, have used the road for decades. So Anderson is confused as to how the federal government can take a county road, which has been part of the county road system for almost 60 years.

"We have a map here of all the county roads as they are recognized

by the Kentucky State Department of Highways and it is on there," Anderson said. "I have done some research on this, extensive research, and have yet to find nay minutes from any fiscal court from then until now that gives the road to them."

This battle still has not been settled.

### Gladiators honored for 3-Peat

Powell County Superintendent Mike Tate and Powell County School Board helped to honor the Powell County Gladiators during the April school board meeting at Stanton Elementary. The Gladiators, a Special Olympics basketball team has accomplished a feat that no other sports team in the county has done. They have won their state championship. To make it sweeter they are the three-time defending state champions as they won the title in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

### May Stanton man charged in baby's death

Just a few days away from graduation a Powell County High School senior ended up in a Kentucky jail accused of murder. Brett R. Thompson, 18, of Stanton, was arrested and charged in the death of a two-month old child in Boyd County.

Kentucky State Police from the Ashland post were called in to investigate the death. Police say that a 911 call was made from a home on Caroline Avenue in Westwood about a child being unresponsive. EMS personnel, as well as deputies from the Boyd County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene. The baby was taken to King's daughter Medical Center where



Arsonists set fire to the Stanton City Parks playground equipment in early April. The playground was worth about \$60,000. The damage totaled over \$50,000. Juveniles were later arrested and charged with the arson. The playground equipment has since been replaced and cameras now watch over the park.

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## Operation Christmas Smile

Times Photos by James Cook  
There were several helpers on hand, including non-veterans (above), to assist with the AmVets Post #67 Operation Christmas Smile last Saturday. Kids like Dalton Muncie (right) got a lot of nice toys and a used bike. Dalton's dad, Scott, watched as Dalton tried out his wheels.



## Christmas is about hanging in there

By GLENN MOLLETTE  
Guest Columnist

A lot of people have given up.  
My father fell off a barn when I was about thirteen years old. He cracked his vertebrae and missed about six months of work. There was no unemployment insurance, or federal relief money. Everything became very lean as life was put on hold in hopes of better days.  
By Christmas my father was getting around on crutches. We had a Christmas tree but I dared not ask for anything for Christmas. I knew we didn't have any money. On Christmas Eve we had a family gathering and we had food to eat. There actually was some exchanging of gifts and my mother handed me a small wrapped box. I was shocked. I anticipated nothing. Opening the present I found a simple watch. I would guess it cost eight to ten dollars at the most. It might as well have been a Rolex. I was so surprised and couldn't believe my parents had bought me something for Christmas. I don't know how they did it.  
A couple of months later my father was back to work and times became bet-

ter as we hung in there and survived difficult times. The Christmas gift is stuck in my head as being one of the all time best. The gift was simple but great.

Most of us know about a difficult time in life. We've all been there in some way. Maybe you are there now. Possibly your health is not so great and you are hoping for better days. You may be unemployed and you don't know how you are going to pay all the bills. Often life is never exactly as we had hoped or planned.  
Every year of life is a little different and if you are reading this you still have hope. One of the keys to a better tomorrow is hanging in there today. It's easy to give up. Life can be discouraging. I heard an old preacher say one time, "The test of those who love God most are the ones at their post, when all the others have walked away."

Today...hang in there and remember what Christmas is about, "1... Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 10 - 11.

Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Powell County Courthouse, Stanton on the first Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Veterans and their families will be given counseling in filing for Federal and State Veterans benefits. This service is provided free of any charge or fee by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Veterans Affairs. Call and leave a message at 1-866-376-0308, leave a message, your call will be returned. Bring all documents pertaining to filing a claim.

### Higher Education Meeting

The Powell County Higher Education Development Board will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Powell County High School Library at 7 p.m.

### Stanton Parks and Recreation Board

The Stanton Parks and Recreation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. The meetings will be held at the city building in the Senior Citizens building located at the city park.

### Clay City Homemakers

The Clay City Homemakers meet on the first Thursday of the month at noon at the Powell County Extension Office.

### Quilt Club

The Quilt Club meets the second Monday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Powell County Extension Office.



## Cops & Kids Helpers

Times Photo by James Cook  
There was an awesome group on hand to help "Santa" during last Thursday's Powell County Cops & Kids Event at the Winchester Wal-Mart. Thank you all for helping!

## Clay City Times Holiday Schedule

Due to the holidays and the printers schedule the Times will have early deadline for the Jan. 2 issue.

The deadline for **ALL** news, announcements and advertising for the Jan. 2 issue is **NOON on Friday, Dec. 27.**

## Holidays can be happier if we follow food safety guidelines

Parties, family dinners and seasonal gatherings where food is served are a traditional part of holiday cheer. This holiday season, the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) urges consumers to take precautions in purchasing and preparing food items, and to pay close attention to good hygiene practices to combat food-borne illness this Christmas and holiday season.

Here are a few simple food safety tips to avoid getting sick during the holiday season:

### Safe Storage Temperatures

- Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Hot foods should be held at 135 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer. Cold foods should be kept at least 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below.

- Foods that sit out on the buffet table for longer than two hours should be discarded.

### Safe Food Handling

- Always wash your hands before and after handling food.

- Use two cutting boards. One should be used for preparing raw meat, poultry and fish and the other for cutting cooked food or preparing salads.

- Wash fruits and vegetables before preparing.

- Keep your kitchen, dishes and utensils clean.

- Never put cooked food back on plates or platters where raw meat or poultry were previously stored.

- Wash and sanitize food contact surfaces often.

- Never thaw a turkey or other meats/poultry on the kitchen counter. Thawing at room temperature increases the risk of bacteria growth at the surface even though the interior may still be chilled.

- Thaw turkey and other frozen meat items in a refrigerator with a temperature of 41 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. The turkey should be thawed in its original wrap, on a tray placed in the bottom section of the refrigerator. A 20-pound turkey needs four to five days to thaw completely when thawed in the refrigerator.

- A turkey can also be placed under cool running water at a temperature of 75 degrees Fahrenheit or less, or thawed in a microwave, provided the turkey is cooked immediately.

### Cook thoroughly

- If you are cooking foods in advance of your party, be sure to cook foods thoroughly to a safe minimum inter-

nal temperature.

- Use a metal-stemmed meat thermometer to determine when the turkey is done by inserting the thermometer in the thickest part of the turkey thigh. When the thermometer reaches between 165-180 degrees Fahrenheit, the turkey is done.

- Safe cooking temperatures for other foods are as follows: seafood, 145 degrees Fahrenheit; ground beef, veal, lamb and pork, 160 degrees Fahrenheit; ground turkey, chicken and other poultry products, 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Don't eat uncooked cookie dough, which may contain raw eggs.

- Cook eggs until the yolks and whites are firm.

- When making your own eggnog or other recipe calling for raw eggs, use pasteurized shell eggs, liquid or frozen pasteurized egg products, or powdered egg whites. Unpasteurized, raw shell eggs and egg products could contain Salmonella and other pathogens. Pasteurized shell eggs are now available at many grocery stores. Like all eggs, they must be kept refrigerated for safety and quality. Pasteurized shell eggs can be identified by a red "P" in a circle stamped on the shell.

### Leftovers

- Leftovers should be stored in the refrigerator within two hours after cooking is complete, this includes pumpkin pie.

- Leftovers should be divided into smaller portions and stored in several shallow containers.

- Use refrigerated turkey and stuffing within three to four days. Use gravy within one to two days.

- Frozen leftovers should be eaten within two to six months.

- Reheat all leftovers to 165 degrees Fahrenheit throughout or until steaming hot. Soups, sauces and gravies should be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute.

Most importantly, if you are uncertain a food has been stored safely or is still safe to eat, it's best to follow the old food safety maxim of "when in doubt, throw it out."

For more information, visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/phps/food.htm>, or contact Pam Hendren, (502) 564-7181, ext. 4208, or Mark Reed, (502) 564-7181, ext. 4203.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### AmVets Meeting

AmVets Post 67, Clay City, monthly meeting, the first Sunday every month at 2 p.m. Bingo every Monday at 6:30 p.m.

### The Powell County Library

Story Time at the Powell County Public Library is every Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5 years. We will read stories, do crafts and sometimes a movie. Powell County Public Library Board Meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month at 4 p.m. in the library.

### Disabled American Veteran Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of the Powell County Disabled American Veterans Powell County Chapter # 103 is held on the second Thursday each month at 30 Bright Street Stanton at 6 p.m.

### Powell County Tourism Commission

The regular board meetings are held every fourth Wednesday at 1 pm. The meetings are held at the Powell County Extension Office. For more information call 606-481-9740.

### Red River Gorge/Nada Tunnel Festival

The committee for the Red River Gorge/Nada Tunnel Festival will meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Middlefork Fire Department at 7 p.m.

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## CALENDAR

### Free Christmas Dinner

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You don't have to be alone on Christmas.

Come out and join us!

#### Weight Watchers Meeting

Weight Watchers will meet every Tuesday at the Stanton First Church of God located at 980 E. College Avenue. The weigh-in is at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

meeting falls on a holiday it will be the following Monday. All members and anyone wishing to join the club are welcome. If you have any questions please call Loyd Flynn at 723-6776, or Jack Chaney at 723-4045.

#### 2014 Veterans Calendars are here

The 2014 Veterans Calendars, sold by the Powell County Veterans Park Committee, are now available. They are \$5 and you can purchase them at the Powell Circuit Clerk's Office or from any committee member.

#### Red River Bowhunters

Red River Bowhunters will be shooting indoors on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. through the end of March, with the exception of Christmas Eve on Dec. 24. For more information call 606-481-0959.

#### Veterans Support Group

A Veterans Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the AmVets Post #67 in Clay City.

#### Cruising Car Club Meeting.

Twin City Kruzerz Car Club will be holding their monthly meeting the first Monday of each month at Irvine City Hall. If the

#### Genealogy Help Desk

The Red River Historical Society and Museum located at 4541 Main Street in Clay City has opened a Genealogy Help Desk. It will be staffed by members of the historical society and members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). If you are researching your Eastern Kentucky roots we hope we can be of some help to you. The hours are 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday at the museum.

#### Powell County Diabetes Support Group

Kentucky River Foothills Rural Health Network is sponsoring a Diabetes Support Class. Classes will meet every second Thursday of the month. Classes meet at the Powell Adult Day Care (behind Foothills Mobile Clinic) in Clay City from 4-5 p.m. For more info, please call Tena at 663-9011.

## CHURCH NEWS

#### Sunday Night Unplugged

Stanton Christian Church invites you to Sunday Night Unplugged. It is a come-as-you-are, contemporary music worship hour with some preaching. It begins at 6 p.m. Come be a part of it.

#### Prayer Task Force Schedule

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#### Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer or need to leave a prayer request, call (606) 663-6172 or (606) 663-6385.

*Community Calendar and Church News announcements should include a brief description of the event along with the time, date and location. Please include a phone number for more information with the announcement. Announcements can be submitted by mail, email or phone. Deadline for announcements is Monday at 5 p.m.*



# AND CHURCH

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
**Stanton Assembly of God,** Washington St., Stanton, 663-0198, Pastor Eddie and Linda Thomas, 859-771-9777, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm.

**BAPTIST**  
**Clay City Baptist,** 7th St. & 8th Ave., Clay City, Grider Denney, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Evening Service 7 pm.  
**Crossroads Baptist,** 2524 Virden Ridge Rd., Clay City, Pastor James Smith, Sunday School 3 pm; Sunday Worship Service 4 pm; 606-663-5796.  
**Emmanuel Baptist,** 745 W Highway 15 (across from PCHS) Stanton. Ph: 663-1300.; Services: Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am, Evening Worship 6 pm, Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm.  
**Faith Freewill Baptist Church,** 130 Washington Street, Stanton, KY 40380, Pastor: Ireland Sexton. Phone 606-663-0073.  
**Friendship Baptist Church,** 105 Bluebird Lane (off Virden Ridge Rd.) Clay City, Clyde Spencer, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service Sunday, 11 am; Worship Service Saturday 6 pm.  
**Mill Knob Baptist Church,** 21 Rice Rd., Stanton, off Peck's Creek. Pastor, Warren Rogers 606-481-0444. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.  
**Morris Creek Missionary Baptist,** Hwy. 213 North, Pastor Kevin Chaney. Sunday School 10 am, worship 10:45 am, Sunday night, 6 pm  
**Powell's Valley Baptist,** 125 Powell's Valley Rd., Clay City; Gary Willoughby, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday service 6 pm.  
**Rehoboth Baptist Mission,** 663-1950; Gary Hurt, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Morning Service 11 am; Sunday Evening 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.  
**Stanton Baptist,** 42 E. College Ave., Stanton, Ph. 663-2170; Jonathan Lewis , Min., Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; AWANAS Wednesday 6:30-8 pm & Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.  
**West Bend Baptist,** 10124 Winchester Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Pastor John C. Taylor. Phone 1-859-270-1599.  
**Calvary Baptist Church,** Stokely Loop, Clay City, 663-1890; Johnny Hurt, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

**CATHOLIC**  
**Our Lady Of The Mountaintains Church,** 1093 E. College Ave., 663-5919; Sister Mary Jane Kreidler, pastoral director, and Father Al Fritsch, parish priest. Tuesday and Friday Mass 4:30 pm

**CHRISTIAN**  
**Stanton Christian, 100 West Church Street, Stanton,** 663-2458; Interim Pastor, Jim Hutchison Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m. and Sunday Night Small Groups and Youth Groups at 6 p.m. Meal and Open Gym at 7 p.m. Wednesday Nigh Small Groups for all ages 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Bowen Church of Christ,** Luke Newell - 1st and 3rd Sunday; Daniel Newell - 2nd and 4th Sunday.  
**Cat Creek Church of Christ,** Eugene Reed , Relzda McNabb, and Dwaine Meadows Min. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; evening service 6p.m.' Wednesday 7 p.m.  
**Clay City Church of Christ,** 5719 Main St., Clay City, Mack C. Rice, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.  
**Stanton Church of Christ,** 255 N. Main St., 663-5327; Brock Hartwigsen, Min., Sunday Service 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
**Bowen First Church of God,** 5555 Campton Road, Stanton (Bowen) 663-0751; Pastor Steven V. Williams, Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.  
**Clay City First Church of God,** 4236 Main St., Ph. 663-2810; Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.  
**Emmanuel Tabernacle Church of God,** Pastor: Kyle Shoupe; 859-749-4067; Sunday School, 1 pm, Worship Service, 2 pm; Sunday Night Service, 6:30 pm; Wed. night service, 7:00 pm; For more information 663-2266 or 663-8118.. Everyone is welcome.  
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**Hatcher's Creek Church of God,** , Worship Service 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.  
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**Living Water Church,** 780 North Fork Rd., Ph. 663-1979; Dale Hale, Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship Services 11 am and Sunday Night 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.  
**More Than Enough Ministries Church of God,** 1236 College St., Stanton, KY. Service Fridays 5-7 p.m., Clothing Giveaway Director Betsy A. Caudill , home (606)663-7849, cell (606)304-8838,  
**Morris Creek First Church of God,** 1669 Morris Creek Rd., Stanton, Raymond Tip-ton, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.  
**Mountain Parkway Church of God,** 30 Adams Ridge Rd., Dale Payne, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.  
**New Beginnings Church of God,** 1091 Irvine Road, Hwy. 82, Clay City; Pastors Patty and Billie Utterback, Sunday School 11 am; Sunday Worship Services 12 pm. Tuesday Bible Study 6 pm., Wednesday and Saturday 7 pm.  
**Slade Church of God,** Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Service 6 pm. Pastors: Bill White . Campers Welcome.  
**Stanton First Church of God,** 980 E. College Ave.

P.O. Box 325, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm. Anthony T.; Moli-han minister.  
**Vaughn's Mill First Church of God,** Hardwick's Creek Rd., Clay City, Teddie Linkous, Min.; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:30; Wednesday Service 7 pm.  
**Vaughn's Mill Full Gospel Church of God,** Located off KY 2001 and Happy Top Road in Clay City. Services are: Sunday 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening at 6 p.m.; Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.  
**West Bend Church of God,** 9866 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY 40312, Ph. 663-9210. Pastor Bro. Ray Wyatt , home phone 859-498-2262 Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:00 pm., youth service 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer services at 7 p.m.  
**West Bend First Church of God,** 8861 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY Pastor James Combs, Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday youth service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer service, 6:30 p.m.  
**Christian Fellowship Church of God,** 4627 Main St., Clay City, Pastor Harold G. Kelly, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am and Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.  
**Walnut Grove Church of God, North Fork Road,** Stanton, Rothiel King Pastor, Sunday Morning Service 10 am; Night service 6 pm.

**LUTHERAN**  
**Grace Lutheran Church,** 108 Hemlock Dr., Winchester, Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am, 745-2873.

**UNITED METHODIST**  
**Clay City United Methodist,** 7th St., Kim Rose, Min., Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm.  
**El Bethel United Methodist Church,** 5229 Trapp-Goff's Corner Road (behind Goff's Corner Market) Winchester.; Rev. Mike Albertson, Pastor; 606-233-7407; Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Bible Study 7 pm.

**Hardwicks Creek United Methodist,** Hardwicks Creek, Rev. Michael Cobb Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 5 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.  
**Shiloh United Methodist,** 2652 Campton Rd. (SR 11 & 15) Stanton, Ph. 663-5633; Brandon Candee, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6:30 pm; Youth Ministries, 6:30 pm Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.  
**West Bend United Methodist,** 8677 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ph. 663-5534; Michael R.Guertin, Pastor, (931) 237-0569; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11 am and 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

**PENTECOSTAL**  
**Harvestime Assembly** 480 E. College Ave., Stanton; Sunday, 10 am, 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday, 7 pm. Rev. Tony

Story, 606-663-9866.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**First Presbyterian,** Phillip Pogue, 420 N. Main St., Stanton, Ph. 663-2914; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 7:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

**OTHER**  
**Airport Chapel,** Stanton, Scoby Faulkner, Min.  
**Blessed Assurance Church,** 44 N. Main St., Stanton; Gary Sparks, pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; Sunday night 6 p.m.; Wednesday 4 p.m. Phone 859-556-0481  
**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,** 1085 Grand Ave., Beattyville. Branch president, James R. Ellison; Sacrament meeting, 10:30-11:30; Sunday School 11:40-12:20; Priesthood and relief society 12:20-1 p.m.; missionaries phone 859-432-9584. Ronald E. Roberts 1st Counselor in the branch presidency, 1452 Brookside Dr., Stanton. Phone 606-481-9770  
**Three Cross Mission Church,** Sunday School 10 am, Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesday Service 6:30 pm, Clay City, KY  
**Full Gospel Church,** 27 Hunter Ln., Clay City; Pastor, Ralph Banks; Sunday Services 6 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.  
**Full Gospel Lighthouse,** Fifth Ave., Clay City, Sammy Faulkner, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm  
**House of Prayer For All People,** Helton Mtn., Slade, Dale Helton, Min., Worship Service, Sunday 2 pm.  
**Nada Baptist Mission,** Tunnel Rd., Dr. John Owen, pastor; Phone 859-744-2884. Services 3:15 Sunday School; 4 p.m. worship.

**Never Ending Grace Community Church,** 29 Howell Lane, Clay City, Stephen Donithan, pastor 859-585-8756 Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Pine Grove C.M.E. Church,** 9575 Winchester Rd., Clay City KY 40312. Sunday School: 10 am.; worship service 11 a.m.; Pastor, Diane Flora.  
**Spirit of Life in Christ Church** 587 Brush Creek, Clay City, Pastor Ken Fugate, alternate J.D. McClure, 663-4220 Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday evening 6 p.m.; Thursday evening 7 p.m.  
**Vaughns Mill Community Church,** hosting God's Fresh Start Church 155 Spout Springs Road, Clay City, Ph. 859-608-6525, Thomas Rogers, pastor, Sunday Service 2 p.m.; Thursday night 7 p.m.  
**Wings of Love Church,** 7283 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ricky Shuler, pastor, Children's Sunday School, 5:30 p.m., Sunday Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday night 7 p.m.  
**Wildwood Chapel,** 1599 Halls Hill Road, Stanton. Pastor: George Sparks, 606-663-9950. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Services 11 a.m., Friday Service at 7 p.m.

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## ENCOURAGING WORD: EXPERIENCE THE CHANGE



Howard Coop  
Guest Columnist

After some excitement, things began to settle down in the little town of Bethlehem. Shepherds who had left their flocks untended in the fields returned to them. Some of those who had come to Bethlehem to be enrolled prepared to return to their homes. Joseph, Mary, and their newborn son waited to return to Nazareth. Then, it happened, and there was more excitement.

A caravan of Wise Men, some call them Magi, from the east arrived inquiring: “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” That request had a significant impact. “When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.” In secrecy, Herod met with those Wise Men and charged them to go to Bethlehem and “make a careful search for the child.” Then, Herod ordered the Wise Men: “As

soon as you find him, report to me, so I too may go and worship him.”

After that encounter with Herod, The Wise Men “went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.” They entered and “saw the child with his mother Mary.” And “They bowed down and worshipped him.” Recognizing his personage, “They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh,” gifts fit for a king.

After being “warned in a dream not to go back to Herod,” they left Bethlehem for “their home country by another route.” This, we understand, implies a geographic direction. Following an ancient route, they came to Bethlehem from the north. To get out of Herod’s territory at the earliest possible moment, they left for their homeland by the southern route.

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12/20/13  
Attorney: none  
Address: 430 Shuler Rd., Clay City, KY 40312

**DECEASED:** Geneva Napier  
Executor/Administrator:  
Lyndon D. Napier  
Date of Appointment:  
12/20/13  
Attorney: none  
Address: 2124 Manning Rd., Stanton, KY 40380

Notice is given by the Powell District Court that administration has been given in the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate have six months from the date of appointment to file the claim properly with the respective representative.

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Please take notice the Stanton Board of Adjustments at a special meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 6 pm at the Stanton Fire Department Building located along Court Street in Stanton, Kentucky will consider a request for a conditional use permit made by William Thompson. The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit in order to operate a medical drug rehabilitation clinic on that property located at 225 Washington Street (same being described more particularly at Deed Book 83, Page 256, records of the Powell County Clerk’s Office). Anyone wishing to be heard or comment on this needs to attend this meeting.

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**CITY OF STANTON**  
**ORDINANCE# 13-006**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING CITY OF STANTON, KENTUCKY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE YEA 2013 ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY, ON EACH ONE HUNDRED (\$100) DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION**  
**WHEREAS**, the City of Stanton is required to establish tax rates for ad valorem property tax rates for taxable property within the City limits of Santon;  
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:**  
The City of Stanton hereby sets the following rates for 2013 Ad valorem Taxes fro General municipal purposes on all taxable property within the taxing jurisdiction of the City of Stanton.  
On real property, including real property of public services companies: with tax rate of .085, (8.5 cents), per hundred dollars of assessed value and on personal property of public service companies tax rate of .085 (8.5 cents), per hundred dollars of assessed value, except on motor vehicles.  
The 2013 taxes shall be due and payable to the City of Stanton, Kentucky on or before January 31, 2014. Tax bills not paid on time shall be assessed penalty and Interest per City Ordinance 07-513 ont he total unpaid balance until paid. Revenue derived from penalty and interest payments for delinquent tax bills shall be paid int he General Revenue Fund of the City of Stanton, Kentucky.  
Introduced and given first reading at a Regular Stanton City Council meeting on the 12th day of December, 2013 and adopted after second reading on December 16, 2013 at a Special City Council meeting.  
Enacted this the 16th day of December 2013.

/s/ Dale Allen, Mayor

Attest:  
/s/ Stephanie Faulkner, City Clerk

First Reading: 12/12/13  
Second Reading: 12/16/13  
Signed by Mayor: 12/16/13  
Published: 12/26/13

**CITY OF STANTON**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 13-007**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE WATER AND SEWER RATES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stanton is faced with ever increasing operational costs associated with the maintenance and operation of its existing water and sewer systems: an in order to protect the financial stability of the City of Stanton, it is deemed as necessary and appropriate by the City council of the city of Stanton to increse the charges for water and sewer services being provided by the City of Stanton; and  
**WHEREAS** the Beech Fork Water Commission has recently increased the rates which it charges the City of Stanton for the production of potable water, with said rates to be effective as of January 1, 2014.  
**NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STANTON, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:**  
Section 1. The following are adopted as the water and sewer rates for water and sewer service provided by the City of Stanton.  
**A. WATER RATES**

Gallons used per month	Cost
First 2,000 gallons, (inside city limits)	\$16.42 (minimum)
First 2,000 gallons, (outside city limits)	\$20.94 (minimum)
Per additional thousand gallons, (inside city limits)	\$5.48 (per thousand gallons)
Per additional thousand gallons, (outside city limits)	\$6.93 (per thousand gallons)

**B. SEWER RATES**

Gallons used per month	Cost
First 2,000 gallons, (inside city limits)	\$21.00 (minimum)
Per additional thousand gallons, (inside city limits)	\$ 8.00 (per thousand gal.)

Section 2. Water meters shall be read to the nearest 1,000 gallons and invoices for water and sewer service shall be computed to the nearest 1,000 gallons.  
Section 3. If any clause, provision, or section of this Ordinance shall be ruled void or orders and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment, approval and publication as provided by law.  
Section 5. The above rates shall be effective as of January 1, 2014. Enacted this 12th day of December, 2013.  
/s/ Dale Allen, Mayor  
City of Stanton

Attest:  
/s/ Stephanie Faulkner, City Clerk  
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First reading: 11-14-13  
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she was pronounced dead by the Boyd County Coroner, Dr. Ralph Beadle.

An autopsy which was performed on the child in Frankfort came back that the cause of death was from multiple head and brain injuries. The injuries appeared to have been caused by blunt force trauma.

According to a press release from the state police, it is alleged that Thompson had struck the child in the head.

Thompson was the apparent boyfriend to the mother of the child. Thompson was named as the best defensive player of the 56th District Tournament in February. He is still in jail awaiting trial.

## Nolan named as PCHS Student of the Year

Chelsea Nolan was named as 2012-2013 PTO Student of the Year at Powell County High School. She is the daughter of Preston and Robin Nolan of Stanton.

Chelsea, was a senior and a member of FBLA, Beta Club, Science and Ecology Club, Key Club, the Academic team, and CFES Mentoring.

At the Senior Honors Night on May 9, in addition to being named PTO Student of the Year, she received the English Department Award for Most Dedicated Student, the Social Studies Department Award, the Most Dedicated Math Student Award, the Excellence in Science Award, and the Marines Academics Excellence Award. She was also recognized as a Governor's Scholar Program participant last summer, and received the Morehead State University Honors

Scholarship. As part of the honors program at Morehead, Her future plans include attending Morehead State University in August and majoring in Biomedicine.

## Moree gets special scholarship

Powell County's own Brooke Moree has been awarded a full merit scholarship to attend UWC: a worldwide movement that includes schools in 12 different countries with a common mission of using education to unite cultures and create a peaceful, sustainable world. UWC students represent up to 90 countries at some campuses, and many students come from areas identified as conflict regions.

She is now a part of an elite group of children that we will look to, to guide our entire world in the direction of peace. Out of only 600 students in the United States of America, Brooke Moree was selected, along with 50 others, for this prestigious honor.

## James 'Goose' Goodwin passes away

A team leader and a man who is well known in basketball circles in Powell County and the region, James "Goose" Goodwin, passed away early last Friday morning. He was 56.

Goodwin, "Goose", the name many people knew him by, had been suffering with liver and kidney problems in the past few years. But when he could he would talk basketball, especially mountain basketball, with anyone.

Goodwin was a wing for the Powell County Pirates from 1972 to 1974 and he averaged 28.9 points per game his senior year. That was a magical year for Powell County and Goose. The Pirates earned their first 14th Region Championship and made the school's first ever appearance at the Sweet



The first class of inductees were announced for the PCHS Lady Pirates Softball Hall of Fame last May. Each sport will have their own Hall of Fame and softball team had several who deserved the recognition for their skills and talents they displayed over the years. Current head coach David Faulkner and former head coach John Combs were also inducted.

16 State Basketball Tournament in 1974.

He was named to the All-District and All-Region teams in 1974. He was also named as the region's MVP that year, as well as being named to the Louisville Courier-Journal's Third Team All State.

After high school he attended college and married Myra. They had three boys, all of whom became noteworthy basketball players. His youngest son, Brett Goodwin, is a current member of the Pirates squad.

Goodwin was part of the inaugural Powell County High School Men's Basketball Hall of Fame. That induction took place on Jan. 18. Goodwin was walking encyclopedia of basketball knowledge and statistics. He often kept up with teams in all of the mountain regions and gave advice to any player who wanted to learn more about the game he loved.

## June The heart of child reaches out to others

There are three things many people cannot seem to resist. Good-natured children, sweets and a chance to help others. That combination was brewing at the Powell County Courthouse last

Friday. And the story is one worth telling.

Soon to be third grader Sophia Drake was thinking of ways to make some extra money to take with her on the family's vacation later this summer. She came up with the idea of selling cupcakes. She even had a name for her little business; it is "Sophia's Sugar Rush."

But then something happened.

Drake watched on the news about the EF-5 tornado that killed 24 people including seven children, destroyed two elementary schools in Moore, Oklahoma. She knew that kids like her needed help. So instead of spending money the cupcake venture became a chance to help others.

In a world where news cycles constantly change and people seem to forget or move on from one event to another, it may just take a child's heart full of hope and wanting to help to remind people that there are people who need help.

## One down, one to go

As the Powell County students enjoy their summer, the school district and two site-based councils were hard at work trying to choose new principals. One

Georgetown College with a major in Elementary Education, 2004 graduate of Georgetown College Graduate School of Education with a Master of Arts Degree in Education with a Reading/Writing Specialization, and 2011 graduate of University of the Cumberlands with a Rank I in Instructional Leadership Education.

## Clay City to go ahead with zoning

The Clay City Council was expecting a crowd at their special meeting this past Monday evening. The topic was what the community thought about Clay City having a zoning ordinance. But the meeting was short and to the point as no opposition to the idea was evident in the conference room. Now the city will move forward to implementing zoning for the city.

The topic of zoning has been prevalent throughout the council's meetings this year. So much so that the council members have repeatedly said they are being approached by residents in favor of the plan. The issue has come up throughout the year and in December a partial committee is chosen.

## Next week we will finish the rest of the Year in Review.



Second grader, soon to be third grader, Sophia Drake took an idea to raise money for vacation and turned it into helping kids who lost their school in a massive tornado in Oklahoma. Her brother Timber also helped.

# Motor fuels tax rate to decline by 1.5 cents per gallon on Jan. 1

Kentucky's "gas tax" on sales of gasoline, diesel and ethanol motor fuels will decrease by 1.5 cents per gallon on New Year's Day, reflecting a drop in the calculated average wholesale fuel price.

The decrease would result in a loss to the Kentucky Road Fund of about \$45 million on an annualized basis.

"The Road Fund is our source of revenue for building, improving and maintaining Kentucky roads and bridges, so any loss of revenue is concerning," Kentucky Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock said Thursday.

The tax on motor fuels is a classic user fee, paid by those who use public highways and bridges. It has three components:

- Variable excise tax.
- Supplemental user fee of 5 cents per gallon
- Underground Storage Tank cleanup fee of 1.4 cents per gallon.

There also is a federal tax of 18.4 cents per gallon of gasoline.

The excise tax was enacted in 1920. But in the 1980s, the Kentucky Legislature provided for a variable excise tax as a percentage of average wholesale price (AWP) of gas and diesel.

The variable excise tax rises, falls or stays

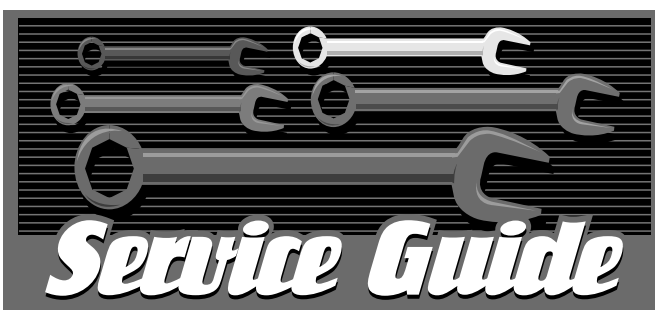
unchanged from quarter to quarter on the basis of a survey of AWP of motor fuels. The survey is conducted by the Department of Revenue in the first month of each quarter (January, April, July and October) and the change in rate – if any – takes effect on the first day of the first month of the following quarter.

For purposes of the excise tax rate, the amount of any increase in the AWP is capped at 10 percent, per year.

By virtue of the October 2013 survey, the state variable excise tax will decline by 1.5 cents per gallon on Jan. 1, 2014 – to 24.4 cents per gallon from 25.9 cents. The last decrease in the excise tax was in October 2010.

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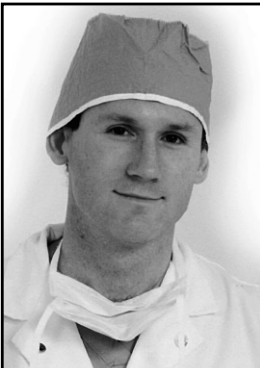
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**COPS & KIDS HELPS MAKE  
CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER  
FOR A FEW MORE**

The Cops & Kids Program in Powell County has been going strong for 14 years now. Over that time they have helped hundreds of kids who probably would not have a good Christmas, to have a special one.

This year the local Fraternal Order of Police were joined by local businessmen and women, state, county and city employees to help take the kids shopping for clothes and of course toys. The order this year was for 102 kids to go shopping at the Winchester Walmart. Each child could spend up to \$100. But as always if a child went over officers would take it out of their pocket if they could. This year Clark County firemen, EMT's and a Montgomery County deputy joined in to help. The kids were later fed by local restaurant owner Pete Thomas, as part of their special day out. Though we could not run every picture of each child and helper, we at the Times want to thank all of those who did help. May God Bless each of you!